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Distinctive Relationships Seen As Key U.S. Security Factor

The United States has reached a point where buying of more military hardware does not necessarily provide more security. Instead, a decisive factor for continued security of a powerful nation is "the character of its relationships with the world."

These statements were made by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara in a speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Montreal, Canada.

"From the point of view of combat readiness, the United States has never been militarily stronger," the secretary explained, adding "We intend to maintain that readiness."

Categorizing three broad groups of nations with which a powerful nation should be concerned, Secretary McNamara noted that, for each, the United States—to preserve its own intrinsic security—has to have distinctive sets of relationships.

He said the United States has to help protect those developing countries which genuinely need and request "our help, and which—as an essential pre-condition—are willing and able to help themselves."

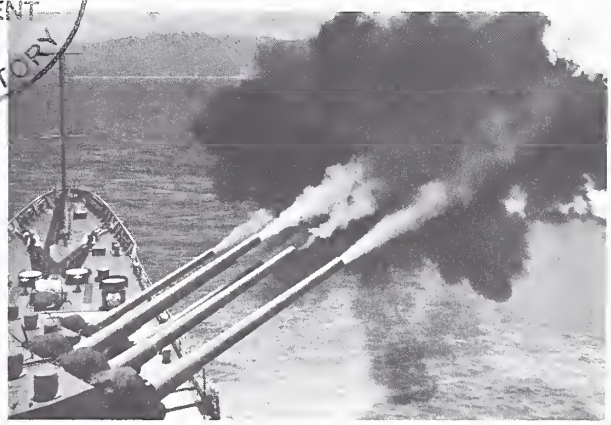
The secretary continued, "We have to encourage and achieve a more effective partnership with those nations who can and should share international peacekeeping responsibilities.

". . . we must do all we realistically can to reduce the risk of conflict with those who might be tempted to take up arms against us."

U.S. Officials Clarify Status Of U.S. Forces in Dominican Rep.

United States forces in the Dominican Republic are operating under the Organization of American States, U.S. officials have explained, and any pullout is dependent on wishes of the Provisional Dominican Government.

The statement was in answer to a question on possible U.S. troop pullout from the Republic before the country's election.



SEVENTH FLEET "BIG GUNS"—Navy's heavy guided missile cruiser USS Canberra fires a full six-barrel broadside with her eight-inch guns in support of Army operations in Vietnam. Canberra's eight-inchers are the biggest guns in the fleet.

JCS Chairman Notes High U.S. Troop Morale in RVN

The highest morale of this country's armed forces now exists in Vietnam, according to Gen. Earle C. Wheeler, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"These are confident fighters," Gen. Wheeler noted, "confident in their cause, confident in the great nation they represent and fight for."

Explaining the manpower situation in Vietnam, Gen. Wheeler said in the past 20 months 33,000 men already in the Army have volunteered to leave wherever they were and serve in Vietnam.

He added that 2,000 marines already in Vietnam volunteered to stay, after their tours had ended. The Navy cannot find enough space for all the officers who seek combat duty in Vietnam. The highly dangerous Air Force jobs of Forward Air Controllers are all filled by volunteers.

Speaking to the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club in Houston, Tex., Wheeler said the American fighting man considers it a privilege to fight for the United States.

He explained that the greatest need of U.S. fighting men can be expressed in one sentence: "We need most today the confidence and the support of the American people."

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IN HIS SPEECH to American newspaper editors, Secretary McNamara emphasized that U.S. has no mandate to police world and no inclination to do so. "Where our help is not sought, it is seldom prudent to volunteer," he added.

SECRETARY MCNAMARA ALSO stressed that American people are not going to shirk their obligations in any part of world, "but they clearly cannot be expected to bear a disproportionate share of the common burden indefinitely."

ARMY'S PATHFINDER PROGRAM, originated in Europe and used successfully in WWII, is receiving new emphasis at Ft. Benning, Ga. Training includes map reading, communications, demolitions and chemical, biological and radiological warfare, but primary training is in techniques of establishing and operating drop zones, helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft landing zones. Much specialized training is done at night.

TRAINING CRUISES FOR more than 7,000 U. S. Naval Academy and NROTC midshipmen are scheduled between June 8 and Sept. 10 in Atlantic and Pacific Fleet ships. This includes plebe orientation and indoctrination cruises and junior officer training for first classmen. Major purpose is to produce experienced and capable graduates to maintain fleet readiness.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW AGENCY established to study Army Corps of Engineers project proposals, Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, has recommended authorization of flood control project to protect 190 square miles of farmland along Felton Ditch and South Branch of Wild Rice River in Minnesota. Estimated cost to Federal government would be $1,452,000.

MONUMENT TO HONOR all men of 1st Air Cavalry Div. in RVN has been ordered designed and built by legislature of Georgia. Estimated cost of monument is between three and five thousand dollars.

NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK submarine USS HADDOCK has been launched at Pascagoula, Miss., and is scheduled to be commissioned in April 1967. Principal speaker was Representative Thomas G. Morris, D.-N.M. Mrs. Morris sponsored ship. Armament on HADDOCK consists of four 21-inch torpedo tubes amidships and SUBROC, submarine launched rocket.

AIR FORCE STRENGTHENING scientific probes of unidentified flying objects (UFO) reports. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board recommends expanding program to include selected sightings by independent scientists, but concludes no evidence shows UFO's are threat to national security.

LIEUTENANT ROBERT T. NELSON, Alexandria, Va., is first Coast Guardsman to be awarded Bronze Star in RVN. Lieutenant Nelson commanded USCG Cutter Point Glover July 30-Oct. 1, 1965, during which time it captured a VC junk smuggling men and arms into South Viet Nam, and provided aid in capture of another junk.

DOD WILL PARTICIPATE with Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and National Security Industrial Association in briefing and conference in Washington, D.C., June 14-15. Representatives of education technology and related industries will attend.

PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE is to enhance utilization of research and development, problem solving, and production capabilities of industry to assist armed forces in improving effectiveness of their training and education programs. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower Planning and Research, Roy K. Davenport, will head conference.

UNITED OF OMAHA has presented its 1965 Public Service Award to the Pacific Air Force for humanitarian actions in RVN. Gen. Hunter Harris, PACAF commander in chief, received the award at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

DASA WILL PARTICIPATE with Canadian and British scientists in Operation Distant Plan, series of blast and shock experiments in Western Canada. This continuing test program involves detonation of non-nuclear chemical charges and has involved the three-country participation in past years. Experiments are expected to produce information on ability of military equipment to withstand blast and shock effects.

LCDR. PATRICK R. KEELY, Catholic chaplain for USMC Force Troops, Camp Lejeune, N.C., became first Navy chaplain to complete airborne training at Ft. Benning, Ga., May 4.

NAVY CONDUCTED SECOND successful test of unique "helicopter fuselage capsule" escape system at Naval Aerospace Recovery Facility, El Centro, Calif., May 3, 1966, using H-25 helicopters configured for remote controlled flight. At 2,000 feet, rotor blades jettisoned providing a clear area for parachute deployment; fuselage severed to separate occupied and unoccupied fuselage sections; separation rockets thrust unoccupied section away from occupied one; and parachutes deployed for recovery of occupied fuselage section. System can be activated automatically by pilot or crewman.

EXTENSIVE STUDY OF jet noises and sonic booms will be conducted at Edwards AFB, Calif. Three-month program, beginning June 1, 1966, will be second sonic boom study made. NASA Flight Research Center at Edwards will handle technical direction.

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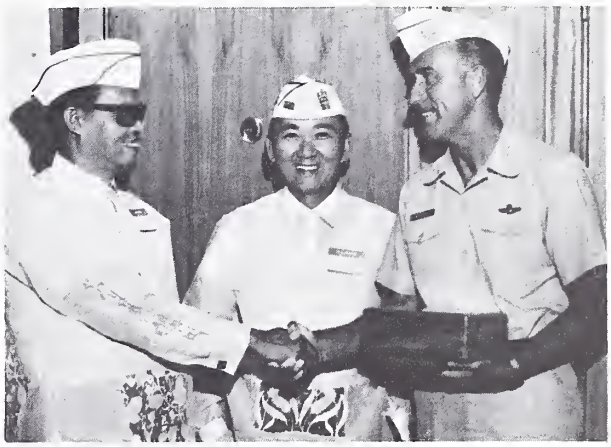
AF to Modify 20 HC-130Hs For Helicopter Refueling

The Air Force is modifying 20 HC-130H Hercules aircraft and 17 HH-3E helicopters for air-to-air refueling operations. They will be used by the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, Military Airlift Command.

The HC-130H will be the first production aircraft equipped for air-to-air refueling of helicopters. The HH-3E will be the first helicopter capable of being refueled in flight using conventional refueling systems.

With aerial refueling capability the HH-3E's current range of approximately 700 nautical miles will be extended several times. Its ability to hover near target areas in combat situations will also be greatly prolonged, enabling immediate response in case of need.

The feasibility of in-flight helicopter refueling was proven by Air Force-Marine Corps teams last December in tests at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C.



SHIELD OF MERIT—Felicisimo San Luis, governor, Laguino Province, Republic of Philippines (left), and Rafael R. Estrada, past national commander, Philippine Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (center), congratulate Lt. Gen. Sam Maddux, USAF, vice commander in chief, Pacific Air Forces, upon presentation of the Shield of Merit, awarded for the general's promotion of Philippine-American friendship.

Proposed East-West Trade Legislation Before Congress

Proposed legislation to provide the President with the authority necessary to negotiate commercial agreements with the Soviet Union and other nations of Eastern Europe has been sent to Congress by Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The proposed East-West Trade Relations Act of 1966 would give the President power to work toward increasing U.S. trade in peaceful goods with these countries.

President Johnson first promised to request such authority in his State of the Union message. The President said, "The intimate engagement of peaceful trade . . . can influence Eastern European societies to develop along paths that are favorable to world peace."

Defense Secretary's Memorial Day Message

On Memorial Day, America unites in honoring the memory of the many gallant Americans who have laid down their lives in behalf of freedom. But the freedom they bequeathed to us can endure for posterity only so long as we cherish and defend it. When we help other free people remain free, we safeguard our own freedom. That is why Americans are fighting and dying in Vietnam today. As we honor the war dead on Memorial Day, we also commend the living guardians of freedom for the magnificent contribution they are making to our fine military tradition.

R. S. McNamara

President Salutes Services In Memorial Day Message

President Lyndon B. Johnson has sent the following Memorial Day Message to members of the armed forces:

"As America pays tribute to its war dead on Memorial Day, our thoughts turn to the past—to a magnificent tradition which reflects the abiding commitment of the American people to freedom.

The price our forefathers paid for American independence was dear. The Americans who have since risked their lives in battle to preserve this independence have recognized its cost as well as its value.

Americans today are responding just as courageously to the current threat to freedom on the battlefields of Vietnam and in other distant parts of the world.

We salute them as we do their predecessors in arms. And I join a grateful nation in prayers for their safe and speedy return to their homes and families."

Army Seeks Women Physicians

Women physicians may enter Army as commissioned officers for immediate active duty in grades from captain to lieutenant colonel.

Accepted individuals will not be assigned overseas during the initial tour unless they volunteer.

Applicants should write The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. 20315.

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Amphibious Patrol Craft On RVN Shakedown Cruise

Three new Navy high-speed patrol craft, capable of traveling over water, swamp and flat land areas, are undergoing shakedown training in Cat Lo near Vungtau, RVN.

The Patrol Air Cushion Vehicle (PACV) is powered by a single gas turbine engine that provides both lift and propulsion through a lift fan and an aircraft-type variable pitch propeller.

The PACV carries one .50 caliber machine gun atop the pilot house plus individual crew weapons. When combat loaded it is capable of speeds in excess of 50 knots.

The new craft are grouped as PACV Division 107, a unit of Boat Squadron ONE, under the Coastal Surveillance Force taking part in Operation Market Time.

DOUBLE DUTY—Capt. James R. Coyne, USAF, holds a unique position in the Vietnam conflict. He has been both aide-de-camp to a general officer and a combat pilot with 104 missions over North and South Vietnam.

Kennedy Warfare Center Receives Design Award

The Kennedy Special Warfare Center Headquarters and Academic Building, home of the Green Berets, Ft. Bragg, N.C., has been voted the Army Chief of Engineer's "Outstanding Architectural Design Award for 1966."

Selection was made in the Office of the Chief of Engineers by a panel of nationally prominent architects who judged 12 entries from throughout the world.

Maj. Gen. McCutcheon Awarded Double Honors by Vietnamese

Maj. Gen. Keith B. McCutcheon, USMC, CG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, has been presented the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor (First Class), by I Corps commanding general, Lt. Gen. Ton That Dinh.

Selected Quotes from Sec. McNamara's Montreal Speech

In a speech May 18 before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara covered many aspects of foreign relations and military posture. Following are some pertinent quotes from that speech given in Montreal, Canada.

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"The planet is becoming a more dangerous place to live on—not merely because of a potential nuclear holocaust—but also because of the large number of de facto conflicts and because the trend of such conflicts is growing rather than diminishing. At the beginning of 1958, there were 23 prolonged insurgencies going on about the world. As of Feb. 1, 1966, there were 40."

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"Security is not military hardware—though it may include it. Security is not military force—though it may involve it. Security is not traditional military activity—though it may encompass it. Security is development. Without development, there can be no security."

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"Military force can help provide law and order—but only to the degree that a basis for law and order already exists in the developing society: a basic willingness on the part of the people to cooperate. The law and order is a shield, behind which the central fact of security—development—can be achieved."

"America has devoted a higher proportion of its gross national product to its military establishment than any other major free world nation. This was true even before our increased expenditures in Southeast Asia. We have had, over the last few years, as many men in uniform as all the nations of Western Europe combined—even though they have a population half again greater than our own."

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"The Organization of the American States in the Dominican Republic, the more than thirty nations contributing troops or supplies to assist the Government of South Vietnam, indeed even the parallel efforts of the United States and Soviet Union in the Pakistan-India conflict—these efforts, together with those of the U.N., are the first attempts to substitute multi-national for unilateral policing of violence. They point to the peacekeeping patterns of the future."

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"All the evidence of history suggests that man is indeed a rational animal—but with a near infinite capacity for folly. His history seems largely a halting, but persistent, effort to raise his reason above his animality.

". . . I, for one, would not count a global free society out. Coercion, after all, merely captures man. Freedom captivates him."

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